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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Share your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:we are on a fixed income and with the price of groceries and gas going up not to mention medicine this triple increase will definitely put a hardship on us. When you only receive social security and the so call raise you may get every couple of years is nothing because Medicare takes that increase with their increase. It's a no win situation for the elderly.It is so hard to make ends meet now. Please consider this petition as a hardship on the elderly .

Sincerely,  
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